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SUBJ: SYRIAN-JORDANIAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT
OF SUPREME COMMAND COUNCIL

1. KING HUSSEIN DEPARTED DAMASCUS 1330 FRIDAY.
2. AT 1415 JOINT COMMUNIQUE BROADCAST SIMULTANEOUSLY BY
SYRIAN AND JORDANIAN RADIO.
3. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF TEXT:

A. TO REGULATE THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS, SYRIAN AND
JORDAN WILL ESTABLISH SUPREME COMMAND COUNCIL COMPOSED OF
ASAD AND HUSSEIN. COUNCIL WILL MEET EVERY THREE MONTHS AND
WILL ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS ON PROPOSALS REFERRED TO IT BY
SUPREME MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE.

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COMMAND'S PRINCIPAL CONCERNS WILL BE:

- (1) UNIFICATION OF SYRIA-JORDANIAN FOREIGN POLICY,
- (2) DISCUSSION PROBLEMS OF WAR AND PEACE,
- (3) COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION OF MILITARY FORCES
OF TWO COUNTRIES.
- (4) CREATION INTEGRATED ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND
INFORMATION POLICIES.

B. RE ME NEGOTIATIONS, COMMUNIQUE ASSERTS THAT
PEACE REQUIRES COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED
LANDS AND RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS. ANY
ATTEMPT TO SUBDIVIDE PROBLEM IN ORDER TO UNDERCUT CENTRAL
ISSUE--WHICH IS PALESTINE PROBLEM--WILL INCREASE DANGER OF
SITUATION.

C. BOTH COUNTRIES SUPPORT PLO IN ORDER TO "DEVELOP
THE PALESTINIAN PERSONALITY." (BOTH LEADERS, COMMUNIQUE
POINTS OUT, HAD MADE THIS AFFIRMATION AT RABAT SUMMIT.)

4. COMMENT: OUR FIRST REACTION IS THAT COMMUNIQUE IS
SPLENDID PIECE OF ARAB RHETORIC WHILE IT DOES FORMALIZE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATES, IT IS NOT
STRICTLY SPEAKING NEW BLUEPRINT FOR POLICY COORDINATION
SINCE IT BUILDS ON POLITICAL STRUCTURE ESTABLISHED EARLIER
THIS SUMMER AT PRIME MINISTER LEVEL. TONE OF COMMUNIQUE
IS SUBDUED, WITH ONLY PRO FORMA REITERATION OF GOALS AND
DANGERS CONNECTED WITH PEACE PROCESS. PLO WILL PRESUMABLY
BE UNHAPPY THAT IT GETS ONLY RETUALISTIC NOD.
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